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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting

WC Docket No. 04-313, Unbundled Access to Network Elements CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2004, Carlos Candelario, Jerry Hughes, Faina Kashtelyan, Kevin Mosier, and Lloyd Spivak, members of the Public Service Commission's Technical Staff ("MDPSC Staff"), as well as the undersigned met *ex parte* with the following staff members of the Federal Communications Commission: Jeremy Miller, Russell Hanser, Pamela Arluk, Carol Simpson, Tim Stelzig, Ian Dillner, Marcus Maher, Gail Cohen and Cathy Zima of the Wireline Competition Bureau; John Stanley and Christopher Killion of the Office of the General Counsel; and Erin Boone of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis.

The MDPSC Staff discussed various issues raised in its initial comments, as outlined in the attached document that was handed out during the meeting. Additionally, during the meeting the MDPSC Staff referenced certain non-proprietary information it utilized to evaluate and define Maryland markets during the state-level TRO proceeding docketed by the MDPSC. The MDPSC Staff would like to provide a written summary of the referenced information, which is also attached hereto.

Please place this notice in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tracey L. Stokes Assistant General Counsel

Attachments

cc: Attendees (via electronic mail)